

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

May 1, 2014

10:45 a.m.

Room 307 House Office Building

Chair Price called the meeting to order.

Present were: Reps. Price, Pagel, Daley, Franz, Pettalia, Somerville, Rendon, Graves, Stanley, Banks, Talabi, Kosowski,

Absent and excused: None.

Rep. Franz moved to approve the minutes of the meeting held March 27, 2014. The motion prevailed.

Chair Price laid before the Committee SB 153 – Hood – Family law; marriage and divorce; employee designated by county clerk to solemnize marriage in a county having more than 1,500,000 inhabitants; allow.

Chair Price recognized Senator Hood to explain SB 153.

Questions followed.

Chair Price stated that the Committee on Local Government would only hear testimony on SB 153 at the meeting today.

Chair Price laid before the Committee SB 354 – Jones – Animals; animal shelters; methods of euthanizing animals; restrict to injection of certain commercially prepared solutions.

Chair Price recognized Sandra McCormick representing Senator Jones and Wendy Swift, DVM representing Ottawa County and Michiganders for Shelter Pets to explain SB 354 and to testify in support of SB 354.

Questions followed.

Rep. Rendon moved to adopt the substitute H-1 to SB 354. The motion prevailed, the vote being 12-0-0.

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FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Reps. Price, Pagel, Daley, Franz, Pettalia, Somerville, Rendon, Graves, Stanley, Banks, Talabi, Kosowski,

Nays: None,

Pass: None.

The following people filled out testimony cards in support of SB 354 but did not want to testify.

Helen Erander representing herself  
Bill Zaagman representing the Michigan Humane Society  
Derek Bajema representing the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development  
Dr. James Averill State Veterinarian, Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development  
Holly Thoms representing Michiganders for Shelter Pets  
Virginia Holden representing herself  
Marie Green representing herself  
Judy Hood representing Voiceless MI  
James Hadin, II representing himself  
Patricia Bernstein representing herself  
Beth Contreras representing Voiceless MI  
Marina Kotsigs representing herself  
Cathy Welch representing Keep Em Together

The following person filled out a testimony card in support of the H-1 substitute to SB 354 but did not want to testify.

George Carr representing Michigan Veterinary Medical Association

The follow person filled out a testimony card in opposition to SB 354 but did not want to testify.

Mia McNeil representing Protect MI Dogs

With no further business to come before the Committee Chair Price adjourned to meeting, the time being 11:08 a.m.

Mary Lou Terrien, Clerk

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Representative Amanda Price, Chair